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Letter dated 29 August 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you regarding the letter dated 24 August 2018 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2018/595), wherein my country has been accused of "interference in the internal affairs of the Republic of Yemen". I hereby vehemently reject such an allegation. At a time when Yemen is experiencing an all-out air, land and sea blockade by Saudi Arabia and its unabated air strikes, which completely disrupt the supply of humanitarian assistance thereto, accusing Iran of interference in the internal affairs of Yemen is but an unfounded claim.

It is evident that no amount of disinformation, fabrication and accusation can divert international attention from the war crimes and crimes against humanity that Saudi Arabia continues to commit in Yemen on a daily basis. The latest of such crimes was the killing of 31 civilians, including 26 children and 4 women, on 24 August 2018 in Ad-Durayhimi, the Yemeni province of Hudaida. Condemning this inhumane act in the strongest possible terms, the Islamic Republic of Iran calls for bringing its perpetrators to justice. The international community must compel Saudi Arabia to end its military and political interventions in, and lift the blockade against, Yemen.

Committed to the implementation of Security Council resolution 2140 (2014), the Islamic Republic of Iran will continue to strongly support a peaceful solution to the crisis in Yemen, which can be achieved only through an all-inclusive, Yemeni-led and Yemeni-owned national dialogue.

At the same time, I hope that the issues referred to in the aforementioned letter will not be used as a pretext to adversely affect the upcoming talks to be held on 6 September 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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